

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.

PCT/JP03/07795

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

Int.Cl⁷ F02C3/30, F02C6/00, F02C9/40, H02J3/01, H02J3/32

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

Int.Cl⁷ F02C3/30, F02C6/00, F02C9/40, F01K23/10, F01K27/02,
H02J3/01, H02J3/32, H02P9/40

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

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Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
Y A	JP 2001-182553 A (Kawasaki Steel Corp.), 06 July, 2001 (06.07.01), Fig. 4; page 8, left column, lines 14 to 40 (Family: none)	1-3, 10, 11, 13, 16 4-9, 12, 14, 15
Y A	JP 2-16039 Y1 (Kawasaki Steel Corp.), 01 May, 1990 (01.05.90), Fig. 1 (Family: none)	1-3, 10, 11, 13, 16 4-9, 12, 14, 15
Y A	JP 10-288049 A (Hitachi, Ltd.), 27 October, 1998 (27.10.98), Claim 3; page 5, right column, lines 22 to 47 (Family: none)	1-3, 10, 11, 13, 16 4-9, 12, 14, 15

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Y A	JP 7-4267 A (Hitachi, Ltd.), 10 January, 1995 (10.01.95), Page 8, right column, lines 13 to 30 (Family: none)	1-3, 10, 11, 13, 16 4-9, 12, 14, 15
Y A	JP 2-40417 A (Central Research Institute of Electric Power Industry), 09 February, 1990 (09.02.90), Page 4, lower right column, line 17 to page 5, upper left column, line 3 (Family: none)	1, 3 2, 4-16
Y A	JP 5-18265 A (Hitachi, Ltd.), 26 January, 1993 (26.01.93), Page 6, left column, lines 30 to 50 (Family: none)	1, 3 2, 4-16
Y A	JP 8-140285 A (Hitachi, Ltd.), 31 May, 1996 (31.05.96), Page 4, left column, lines 30 to 39 (Family: none)	4, 14 1-3, 5-13, 15, 16
A	JP 2000-341860 A (Nissin Electric Co., Ltd.), 08 December, 2000 (08.12.00), Full text (Family: none)	4, 14
Y A	JP 2000-2790 A (Toshiba Corp.), 07 January, 2000 (07.01.00), Figs. 16, 17; page 12, right column, line 30 to page 25, left column, line 36 (Family: none)	6-8, 15 1-4, 5, 9-14, 16
Y A	JP 11-72028 A (Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Ltd.), 16 March, 1999 (16.03.99), Page 6, left column, lines 30 to 50 (Family: none)	6, 7, 15 1-5, 8-14, 16
Y A	EP 0400701 A (TURBOCONSULT B.V.), 14 May, 1990 (14.05.90), Full text & US 5083425 A & JP 3-18627 A	11, 16 1-10, 12-15
Y A	JP 8-261014 A (Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Ltd.), 08 October, 1996 (08.10.96), Full text (Family: none)	11, 16 1-10, 12-15
Y A	JP 2000-48844 A (Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Ltd.), 18 February, 2000 (18.02.00), Full text (Family: none)	11, 16 1-10, 12-15

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
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because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

The technical feature common to claims 1, 4 is "to generate power using the by-product gas produced in a plant as the fuel of a high-efficiency combined cycle power generation".

However, the common technical feature is a well-known technique and not novel without any need to specifically cite a prior art document. Consequently, this common technical feature cannot be a special technical feature within the meaning of PCT Rule 13.2, second sentence. Since there exists no other common feature which can be considered as a special technical feature within the meaning of PCT Rule 13.2,
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1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
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second sentence, no technical relationship within the meaning of PCT Rule 13 between the different inventions can be seen. Consequently, it appears that claims 1, 4 do not satisfy the requirement of unity of invention.

Claims 1, 13 satisfy the requirement of unity of invention.